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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT DE MENEZES RETURNS TO STP

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11. Fradique de Menezes, the president of Sao Tome and Principe (STP), returned to STP unexpectedly the night of June 23 after being medevaced to Belgium on June 11 (reftel). His return was a surprise as on June 20 he had requested (and received) approval from the National Assembly to remain abroad two more weeks.

12. Ambassador Walkley -- who happened to be in Sao Tome -- saw the president's car headed toward the airport, followed it and met de Menezes on the tarmac. De Menezes, visibly thinner after his surgery, said he felt fit enough to return to STP, although he plans "to take it easy" for a few days.
WALKLEY